

1 **SUBJECT: Working Hunter Derby Specifications (USEF/EC)**

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3 (STANDARD)

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 & 102 for submission requirements

5 Committee Action:

6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)*

Approve

Disapprove

Amateur Committee	<input type="radio"/>		
Competition Advisory Committee	<input type="radio"/>		
Education/Evaluation Commission	<input type="radio"/>		
Hunter/Jumper Committee	<input type="radio"/>		
Sport Horse National Show Commission	<input type="radio"/>		
USEF Arabian Division Committee	<input type="radio"/>		

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8 CONVENTION ACTION:

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10 Approved Approved with Modification Disapproved

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12 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____

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14 PROPOSED CHANGE: (*Check one*) Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) USEF Sub-Chapter AR14

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17 RESOLUTION: Use ***bold/italic*** for new wording, ~~striketrough~~ to indicate deletion

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19 Whereas, It was the desire of the Hunter/Jumper Committee to ensure that the rules for the Hunter over Fence classes
20 in the Arabian Division are consistent with comparable rules in the Hunter Division, and

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22 Whereas, Exhibitors desire consistency in the rules in how the Working Hunter Derby is run at the Local, Regional,
23 and National level, and

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25 Whereas, It is the desire to use the wording from the USHJA National Hunter Derby class specifications and the goal
26 of the Hunter/Jumper Committee it to mirror the open rules whenever possible to encourage exhibitors to
27 move back and forth, and

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29 Whereas, Such consistencies require written rules; Therefore, Be It

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31 Resolved, That the USEF Arabian Rules (AR) be amended by adding to Sub-Chapter AR14 a new USEF AR167
32 Working Hunter Derby as follows:

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34 ***AR167 Working Hunter Derby***

35 ***1. Judging System***

- 36 a. ***Judging panel will consist of one (1) judge or two (2) judges sitting together. The panel will provide one (1) score***
37 ***for each round. No panel may award the same base score to any two (2) competitors in any one round.***
- 38 b. ***The first round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality, substance and movement.***
- 39 c. ***After the judges base score is given, one (1) point will be added for each high option fence jumped. The Option***
40 ***Bonus Score of one additional point must be awarded even if there is a refusal, rail down or loss of good jumping***
41 ***style at that higher height option fence, providing that the horse-and-rider combination does jump the higher***
42 ***height option fence. (Maximum of four points.)***
- 43 d. ***The second round shall be judged on performance, hunter pace, jumping style, quality, substance, movement,***
44 ***handiness and brilliance of pace.***
- 45 1. ***Handiness is defined as ground saving movement without adversely affecting performance or style.***
46 ***Handiness is taken into account in the judges' base score.***
- 47 2. ***Brilliance of pace is defined as a faster pace than ordinary, without sacrificing performance or style.***
- 48 3. ***After the judges' base score is given, one (1) point will be added for each height option fence jumped.***
49 ***The Option Bonus Score of one additional point must be awarded even if there is a refusal, rail down or***
50 ***loss of good jumping style at that higher option fence. (Maximum of four points.)***
- 51 e. ***Overall Score – The final score from each round will be added together to obtain an overall total for each horse.***

- 52 2. *Tie Breaking Procedures*
- 53 a. *No panel may award the same base score to any two competitors in any one round unless a competitor’s score is*
- 54 *below the cut-off score.*
- 55 b. *Any ties in all rounds will be broken by the base score (before adding height bonus points) of that round.*
- 56 c. *Only the top twelve (12) horses from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the second*
- 57 *round.*
- 58 d. *All ties for overall first place in the class will be broken using the second round base score (before adding height*
- 59 *bonus points).*
- 60 e. *Ties for other than first place in the overall standings will be broken using the second round base score (before*
- 61 *adding height bonus points).*
- 62 3. *Order of Go*
- 63 a. *The draw may be performed by hand or competition management may host a computer draw.*
- 64 b. *The order of go must be posted a minimum of one (1) hour prior to the start of the class. In the case of multiple*
- 65 *horses being ridden by the same rider, every effort will be made so that there will be a minimum of eight horses*
- 66 *(if available) separating multiple rides.*
- 67 c. *In the first round of competition, all horses must be ridden in the sequence that appears on the jumping order.*
- 68 d. *In the second round horses will return in reverse order of their first round scores (lowest to highest).*
- 69 e. *Due to multiple rides or rider conflicts, any rider may elect to move up in the order.*
- 70 4. *Course Requirements*
- 71 a. *The course diagrams for each round must be posted a minimum of one (1) hour before the start of the first*
- 72 *round.*
- 73 b. *Jumps in BOTH rounds*
- 74 1. *Obstacles must simulate those reminiscent of the hunt field and course must offer a variety of Classic jumps*
- 75 *with different appearances such as: natural post and rail, stone wall, white board fence or gate, coop, aiken,*
- 76 *hedge, oxer, brush, logs, natural foliage.*
- 77 2. *A minimum of 2” difference is required for the back element of all oxers.*
- 78 3. *Ground lines are not to exceed 18” in depth from the vertical plane of the jump. For appropriate jumps, no*
- 79 *ground line is necessary.*
- 80 4. *Flat cups may only be used for log fences and in accordance with Federation rules,*
- 81 5. *Fence heights to be 2’6”, 2’9”, 3’0”. The height at which the horse competes is to be determined by the*
- 82 *maximum height that the horse/rider combination competed at during the show. Exception: Green Hunter*
- 83 *Derbies to follow 1st/2nd year height rules per AR162. Classes that determine derby competition height*
- 84 *include hunter, jumper, and equitation classes. Riders may elect to move up in height.*
- 85 6. *There must be four option fences set at 2’9”, 3’0”, 3’3”. If there is a difference in difficulty between any two*
- 86 *tracks containing heights options, the higher options should include the more inviting, less difficult track.*
- 87 c. *Handy Hunter Course (Second Round)*
- 88 1. *A minimum of eight obstacles must be offered in the Handy Hunter Round.*
- 89 2. *The Course should simulate riding over hunt country and must have a minimum of two handy options, such*
- 90 *as: tight turns, different tracks, clever options for jump approaches, pen type obstacles, hand gallop a jump,*
- 91 *trot a lowered obstacle not to exceed 2’3” in height, halt and /or back. Gimmicky options are not appropriate.*
- 92 3. *Only the top twelve (12) horses from the first round, after all ties are broken, are eligible to return for the*
- 93 *second round.*
- 94 5. *The Hunter Derby is a featured class of the horse show, and must be presented as such with regard to arena size and*
- 95 *location, jump quality, decorations, footing and ring preparation, lighting, etc.*
- 96 a. *The ring used must have spectator seating, a quality sound system, and a dedicated announcer with no other*
- 97 *duties during the Derby.*
- 98 b. *It is Important for management to make sure that the pointing and scoring system is fully understood by*
- 99 *spectators.*
- 100 c. *The AHA Hunter/Jumper Committee requests that announcers announce scores using their own style, but*
- 101 *containing the following information in a clear manner:*
- 102 1. *Example for First Round - “The judges score an 84. An additional four points will be awarded for the four*
- 103 *higher option fences that were taken, giving our entry a final score of 88 for this round.”*
- 104 2. *Example for Second Round - “The judges score an 82 for this round. An additional four points will be*
- 105 *awarded for the four higher option fences that were taken, giving our entry a final score of 86 for this*
- 106 *round” Handiness is taken into account in the judges’ base score. and; Be It Further*

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108 Resolved, That the remaining sections be renumbered accordingly.

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110 Effective: December 31, 2022 or when approved by USEF/EC

RESOLUTION 6 – 21

112 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)

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114 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard X Extraordinary _____ “If indicated as “Extraordinary”,
115 the proponent must list reasons which establish Chapter 9, RULE 101.3.a. has been met)

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117 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 102.6. & 102.7 for financial
118 requirements

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122 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None

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124 Contact Person:

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126 SUBMITTED BY: Hunter/Jumper Committee Region Number:

127 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*)

128 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (*check voting body*)

129 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 48 Number of Yes votes: 33 Number of No votes: 0

130 How vote was taken: mail email/other electronic means phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with*
131 *majority of yes votes*)

132 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: Email (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

133 Date vote taken: 12/10/2020

134 Contact Person: Allan Ehrlick, Hunter/Jumper Committee Chair (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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